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SUBJECT: PAPER ON PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN
JEWISH LEADERS

1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND DAYAN WITH
ADVISORS BEFORE LUNCH FEBRUARY 16, DAYAN GAVE THE SECRETARY
A PAPER MARKED "TOP SECRET", BUT WITH NO OTHER HEADING,
PURPORTING TO SUMMARIZE THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO AMERICAN
JEWISH LEADERS REGARDING THE U.S. POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS
AND SETTLEMENTS. DAYAN SAID THE PAPER AND WHAT HE AND HIS
COLLEAGUES HAD HEARD FROM AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS ABOUT
THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWING THE SADAT VISIT
WAS "OF GREAT CONCERN." HE HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO REPORT
THIS TO THE GOI. DAYAN SAID HE WILL HAVE TO REPORT TO THE
CABINET WHEN HE GETS BACK TO JERUSALEM BUT IN ORDER TO
MAKE AN ACCURATE REPORT HE WANTED TO ASK THE SECRETARY'S
OPINION ON THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE PAPER. HE DID NOT
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WANT TO BE MISLED OR TO MISLEAD OTHERS.

2. PRIOR TO DAYAN'S DEPARTURE, THE SECRETARY URGED THAT
NO STATUS BE GIVEN TO THIS PAPER; IT WAS A MIXTURE OF
IMPRESSIONS CONVEYED THROUGH THIRD PARTIES. THE SECRETARY
SAID WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR POSITION DIRECTLY
WITH THE ISRAELIS ON ALL ISSUES AND THEY SHOULD RELY ON

WHAT WE TELL THEM DIRECTLY FOR AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF OUR VIEWS.

3. IF THE ISRAELI PAPER OR REFERENCES TO IT SURFACE IN ANY WAY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE LINE THE SECRETARY TOOK WITH DAYAN AND DECLINE TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION OF IT. STRICTLY FYI, SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE SOME SENSE OF WHAT IS INVOLVED, THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PAPER ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

4. PAPER SAYS PRESIDENT CARTER IS PURPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BY THE PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SINAI:

-- DEMILITARIZED ZONES ARE "ALL BUT WORKED OUT WITH WEIZMAN AND HIS EGYPTIAN COUNTERPART";

-- EGYPT HAS AGREED THAT ISRAEL CAN MAINTAIN ONE AIR BASE NEAR EILAT FOR UNSPECIFIED PERIOD;

-- SADAT ASKS FOR TOKEN RECIPROCITY IN THE FORM OF ISRAELI DEMILITARIZATION ON ITS SIDE OF BORDER BUT PRESIDENT THINKS SADAT MAY YIELD ON THIS ISSUE;

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-- HOWEVER, SADAT WILL NOT BUDGE ON THE QUESTION OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI AND THEREFORE PRESIDENT FEELS SINAI SETTLEMENTS OUGHT TO BE DISMANTLED.

B. WEST BANK:

-- SYRIA, JORDAN, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA AGREE THERE SHOULD BE NO INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE;

-- ONCE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES IS ACHIEVED, HUSSEIN HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS;

-- SADAT AND HUSSEIN AGREE TO SOME BORDER ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF 242;

-- FOR FIVE YEARS FOLLOWING SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WEST BANK WOULD HAVE SELF-RULE;

-- WEST BANK WOULD BE DEMILITARIZED AND THERE WOULD BE ISRAELI MILITARY POSITIONS ON JORDAN RIVER AND HILLS NEAR 1967 BORDERS FOR THE INITIAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND

POSSIBLY BEYOND THAT TIME;

-- REFERENDUM HELD AT END OF FIVE-YEAR PERIOD WOULD
LIMIT CHOICE OF WEST BANK RESIDENTS TO THREE CHOICES:
CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO; AFFILIATION WITH JORDAN; OR
AFFILIATION WITH ISRAEL;

-- DURING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD ISRAEL, JORDAN AND
PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS WOULD NEGOTIATE OTHER DETAILS OF
REFERENDUM INCLUDING RATE OF IMMIGRATION AND IDENTITY
OF RETURNEES;

-- SADAT AGREES TO ELECTRONIC OR OTHER EARLY WARNING
SECURITY DEVICES ON WEST BANK AND SINAI;
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-- THE PRESIDENT STATED SADAT WILL AGREE TO A FULL PEACE
TREATY WITH ISRAEL ON SINAI AND NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS
IF HUSSEIN BECOMES PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT.
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